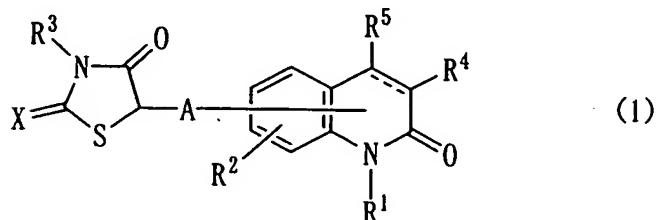


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a carbostyryl compound represented by General Formula (1)

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or a salt thereof, wherein A is a direct bond, a lower alkylene group, or a lower alkylidene group; X is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom; R⁴ and R⁵ each represent a hydrogen atom; the bond between the 3 and 4 positions of the carbostyryl skeleton is a single bond or a double bond; R¹ is a hydrogen atom, etc; R² is a hydrogen atom, etc; and R³ is a hydrogen atom, etc. The carbostyryl compound or salt thereof of the present invention induces the production of TFF, and thus is usable for the treatment and/or prevention of disorders such as alimentary tract diseases, oral diseases, upper respiratory tract diseases, respiratory tract diseases, eye diseases, cancers, and wounds.